eIN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

WEDNESDAY, THE TWELFTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER
TWO THOUSAND AND SEVEN

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE C.Y.SOMAYAJULU

WRIT PETITION No.9568 OF 2001

Between:

T.Punam Chand and others.

.... PETITIONERS

AND

The Prohibition and Excise Inspector,
Station Kothagudem, and others.

....RESPONDENTS

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When black jaggery and other articles were being transported in the lorry belonging to the petitioner, that stock and the lorry were seized by the Excise Officials. Alleging that inasmuch as he had no knowledge of the nature of the goods being transported in his vehicle, his vehicle cannot be seized, petitioner filed this writ petition questioning the seizure of his lorry.

A learned Judge of this Court while admitting the writ petition passed an interim order in WPMP No.12098 of 2001 on 15.05.2001 for release of the vehicle on certain conditions.

Since Section 45 of A.P.Excise Act enables the excise officials to confiscate the vehicle being used for transport of the contraband goods, and since enquiry relating to confiscation of the lorry of the petitioner is said to be pending before the Deputy Commissioner (third respondent) this writ petition is disposed of by directing the third respondent to complete the proceedings relating to confiscation of the vehicle of the petitioner, as expeditiously as possible, at any rate within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No order as to costs.

JUSTICE C.Y.SOMAYAJULU

12th SEPTEMBER, 2007

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